

Rivero, Felipe
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Rivero Learns The Price Of Defeat

✓ Felipe Rivero, one of Fidel Castro's most unrelenting enemies, has been ordered banished from the United States by edict of the State Department. There are hazards in the life of a political revolutionary quite unlike those faced by people even in dangerous walks of life.

One day he might be a hero at whom nothing more lethal than rose petals is thrown. The very next day he might be out in the same car he was the day before when one of his nastier opponents throws a grenade among the flowers.

Or he may never reach the triumphal ride along the floral way, but be an outcast most of his life and eventually a martyr to whom a statue is erected in a city square. It is all a big gamble and it is most important to be on the winning side. Indeed, to be so is a matter of life, death or freedom.

Rivero took part in the ill-fated Bay of Pigs affair which was bungled by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. He was taken prisoner by Castro's forces and was among those later exchanged for medical supplies.

Since 1959 he has been a refugee in the U.S. He has been charged as head of a terrorist organization waging a secret war on Castro.

If the Bay of Pigs affair had come off differently, Rivero would not be in the dilemma he is in today. In Washington today all zest for fighting Castro has vanished.